



RecycleSmart

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April 2021

Happy Almost Earth Day!

How about celebrating Earth day by checking out a **FREE** online conference being hosted by the MRC over the next 4 weeks!

With state-level funding opportunities available through the Renew Michigan Fund and significant solid waste and recycling policy changes on the horizon, the Michigan Recycling Coalition (MRC) has created educational sessions to support local governments and businesses stepping up to the meet the challenges at hand. Through the generosity of sponsors, the Michigan Recycling Coalition is able to offer spring virtual conference sessions to anyone interested, free of charge! Take a look at the program [here](#).

The MRC has created an educational program of three, 90 minute conference sessions each week for four weeks, starting April 20 and ending with a keynote presentation on May 13. These longer sessions will allow speakers to explore, in detail a variety of topics that will help you understand the changing landscape of recycling and waste management in Michigan and how your organization can engage and benefit from these new recycling and composting opportunities.



COUNT DOWN TO RECYCLING

MICHIGAN RECYCLING COALITION 2021 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

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And, in recognition of the current working conditions we all face, we made the strategic choice to develop **3, 90 minute conference sessions each week for 4 weeks**, starting April 20 and ending with our keynote presentation on May 13 to deliver educational content to you.

With funding opportunities available and significant policy change on the horizon, we have created educational sessions to support local governments and businesses step up to the meet the challenges at hand. Take a look at the virtual conference program to see the sessions we're offering, at michiganrecycles.org/spring-2021







Scrap Tire Collection 2021

June 17th

Appointments **are required and can be made by**
calling the Resource Recovery Department @
231-995-6075.

**Scrap Tire Collections are funded by the EGLE
Scrap Tire Grant**



Burn barrel checkout

In Michigan and across the nation, burning leaves and backyard waste is a common activity that, if done carelessly, can have great costs. It's consistently the No. 1 cause of wildfires.

Use this quick checklist for tips on improving your backyard burn barrel to reduce chances of wildfire:

- Set the barrel on level concrete blocks or a similar hard, nonflammable surface.
- As required for burn barrels, use a cover or screen with holes a quarter of an inch or smaller to prevent flying embers.
- Set the barrel far away from flammables, like woodpiles, and trim any overhead tree branches.
- Always keep a water source and shovel nearby, and never leave a fire unattended.
- Before lighting a fire, check the weather. Don't burn on a dry, windy day.

“Paper, leaves and natural materials are permitted to be burned,” said Paul Rogers, DNR fire prevention specialist. “However, plastic, hazardous materials, foam and other trash are illegal to burn and release harmful chemicals into the air.”

The safest burn barrel isn't one at all – it's a compost bin! Paper, leaves and other biodegradable items that commonly are burned can be composted to create nutrient-rich soil. Learn how at Michigan.gov/EGLEcompost. Materials like cardboard and paper also can be recycled.

**Get fire safety tips at Michigan.gov/PreventWildfire.
Questions? Contact Paul Rogers at 616-260-8406.**

Adopt A Recycling Site

RecycleSmart is looking for Recycling Champions to help keep the 24/7 Single Stream Recycling Sites clean. Individuals, groups, businesses or other entities are encouraged to contact the RecycleSmart office at 231-995-6075 to learn more about how you can become a valuable resource, in their place.



**The May 13th HHW Collection Event
is now open for sign up.**



Click on the link below to sign up online.

[May 13th HHW Event Sign Up](#)

(Household Hazardous Waste) HHW Event Dates in 2021



([Sign up](#) will be available online approximately one month before each event.) Appointments are required

Thursday, April 15th **Completed**

Thursday, May 13th (**open for sign up**)

Thursday, June 17th

Thursday, August 12th

Saturday, September 18th

Thursday, October 14th

What Can I Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste Event?

[Click Here.](#)

Appointments will not be accepted until approximately one month before each event.

RESIDENTS

- Appointments are required for all HHW events and can be made by:
- Using the online scheduling system at [HHW Sign Up Page](#)
- Or, if internet access is not an option, please call the RecycleSmart hotline at 231-941-5555

Businesses, Organizations, Schools, etc.

1. Download the [VSQG Registration and Certification form](#).
2. Download the [VSQG Hazardous Materials Inventory Worksheet](#)
3. Appointments are required. Call the RecycleSmart Hotline at 231-941-5555 to register for an HHW event. (VSQGs are NOT allowed to make an online appointment).

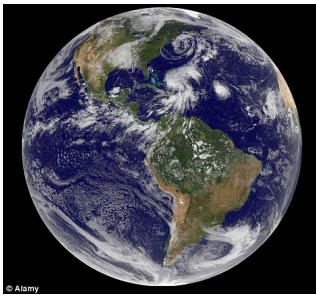
4. Not sure if you are a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG)? Review the State of Michigan guidelines [here](#).

The Keystone Brush Site is open for the Season.

The Brush Site is now accepting Credit Cards as a form of payment.

Please note that the site is closed on all major holidays and for severe weather conditions.

Brush Site information and hours of operation can be found by clicking [here](#).



Earth Celebration Cancellation

The Grand Traverse County Resource Recovery (RecycleSmart) department has come to the decision that it is in the best interest of our community's health and wellness to cancel the 2021 Earth Celebration event. We are committed to continue our planning efforts to ensure that the 2022 event will be extra special. Thank you for your understanding



Grand Traverse County RecycleSmart



Have questions about
where to recycle an
item?

Click on the Take it
Back Logo and you will
be magically
transported to the Take
it Back Directory!

If you are unable to find a solution
on the directory, please contact
the Resource Recovery
Department and we'll be sure to
help you out!



Smoke Alarm Drop Off Program

The GTC Resource Recovery Department and the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department have teamed up to bring GTC residents a Smoke Alarm Drop Off program.

You may now bring your old smoke alarms to either the [Grand Traverse Metro Fire Administration at 897 Parsons Rd. in Traverse City](#) or the [Grand Traverse Metro Fire Station #11 at 3000 Albany Dr.](#)



[in Traverse City](#) during their normal hours of operation. The drop off containers are located just inside the main entry doors. It is recommended that smoke alarms be tested monthly, the batteries replaced bi-annually and whole units replaced every 10 years. Batteries can be brought to any of the 9 drop off locations (listed below) around GTC. Please contact the Resource Recovery Department if you have any questions.

Recycle right or lose it

Illegal dumping at the Recycling Sites in Grand Traverse County will no longer be tolerated. Violators will be prosecuted.

Please spread the word. Items must never be left on the ground. If the sites continue to be misused, not only will the abusers be held accountable but we run the risk of losing these great assets to our community. To learn more about what can and can't be recycled, please visit the link below.



[GUIDELINES AND EXCLUDED MATERIALS](#)



Looking for the latest episodes of the very popular 9&10 News TV series

"Talking Trash"? Look no further. Click on the picture above and you will be whisked away to the glorious land of responsible recycling!

Drop Off Battery Recycling

**Some sites may be closed or have altered hours at this time.
Thank you for understanding**

**BE SURE TO TAPE ALL YOUR BATTERY TERMINALS
(CLEAR MASKING TAPE PLEASE)**

Batteries from Grand Traverse County residents are accepted at any of the battery drop off locations.
Batteries from commercial businesses or nonresidents are not accepted. Businesses may bring
batteries to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection events.

Battery drop off boxes are at the following locations:

Building / Location Address

Acme Township Hall
[6042 Acme Road](#)
[Williamsburg, MI 49690](#)

Blair Township Hall
[2121 County Road 633 Grawn, MI 49637](#)

City of Traverse City / Grand Traverse County Building
[400 Boardman Avenue](#)
[Traverse City, MI 49684](#)

Civic Center
[1213 W Civic Center Drive](#)
[Traverse City, MI 49686](#)

Fife Lake True Value
[119 East Lake Street Fife Lake, Mi. 49633](#)

Grand Traverse County Public Service Building
[2650 LaFranier Road](#)
[Traverse City, MI 49686](#)

Metro Emergency Services Building
[897 Parson Road](#)
[Traverse City, MI 49686](#)

Traverse City Fire Department
[500 W Front Street](#)
[Traverse City, MI 49684](#)

Whitewater Township Hall



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